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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR POLISH VISA FOR ROBERT SHAPIRO

REF: A. STATE 176058, B. TEL AVIV 8780

1. ON JULY 11, TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH MINISTERIAL COUNSELOR ROMAN BROZ OF THE MFA'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, POINTING OUT ONCE AGAIN THAT MR. SHAPIRO PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE THIS RESEARCH PROJECT ON A GRANT FROM THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION. MR. BROZ RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THE POLISH AUTHORITIES REQUIRED MORE DETAILS ON THE EXACT NATURE OF THE PROJECT.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE EMBASSY SENT A NOTE TO THE MFA ON JUNE 7, 1978 ON THE QUESTION OF ARCHIVES ACCESS. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO THE EMBASSY THAT THE ARCHIVES ACCESS QUESTION AND THE VISA APPLICATION WERE PROBABLY LINKED, I.E. ONE WOULD NOT BE APPROVED IF THE OTHER WERE REFUSED. WE ARE SENDING ANOTHER NOTE TO THE MFA, AT BROZ'S REQUEST, GIVING MORE DETAILS ON THE PROJECT, I.E. THAT IT DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LODZ DURING THE INTER-WAR PERIOD AND THAT MR. SHAPIRO WISHES ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVES IN
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3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE DELAYS IN OBTAINING THE NECESSARY APPROVALS FOR ARCHIVES ACCESS AND POLISH VISA ISSUANCE ARE DELIBERATE OR MERELY BUREAUCRATIC INEFFICIENCY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE PROMPT AND AFFIRMATIVE STEPS BY THE POLES TO FACILITATE MR. SHAPIRO'S

PROJECT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH TO TAKE UP THESE DELAYS WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON OR COMMUNICATE WITH THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION.
WE ALSO NOTE THAT THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT.
END COMMENT.

4. CONGRESSIONAL INTREST - CONGRESSMAN CLARENCE D. LONG.

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